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VULCAN REDISCOVERED ? by Prof. J. Eidelberger

It was in 1860 that the then director of the Paris Observatory, Le Verrier, discovered discrepancies in the orbit of Mercury which suggested the presence of an intro-Mercurian planet. At about the same time a somewhat eccentric French doctor, by name Lescarbault, stated that he had witnessed the transit of this planet across the solar disc. Le Verrier hastily arranged a meeting with him, and concluded that this 10th planet, named by him Vulcan, had been found. His calculations showed that it moved round the Sun at a distance of 13 million miles, had a diameter of 1,000 miles and a period of 19.75 days.

Subsequent calculations and observations never confirmed this 'discovery' and as a result Vulcan was relegated to the order of myth. Even Swift and Watson's eclipse observations of 1878 failed to revive the planet; nevertheless interest in it has never utterly died. It was thus with great excitement that a report by Dr. Henry Courtein, early in 1971, was received. He reported the finding of a small planet which at first was considered to lie beyond Neptune; however calculations have since shown it to have been an asteroid. A little later there was a further report from two Cambridge observers and this observation together with that

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² of Courtein, combined to revive the Vulcan theory.

There have been numerous reports of objects believed to be this planet, the most recent being that of Huverman and Polynski in March, 1971. These observers, based in the Urals, completed a photovisual survey which indicated the very strong probability of there being not one but three small planetoids between the Sun and Mercury. Their calculations suggested that the larger of the three objects has a diameter of approximately 900 km and a very low reflectivity. The other two bodies have not been observed visually but are thought to exist by these two scientists who base this theory on perturbations in the orbit of the largest body. The very low reflectivity of all three worlds would be a result of their proximity to the Sun, its consistant bombardment of their surfaces by gamma and other harmful radiations producing a tremendous darkening of the surface materials. Calculations based on an original basalt crust, with an age of $4,700 \times 10^6$ years and a diameter of 900km, suggest, allowing for the Prout Effect, that the amount of incident light reflected now would be of the order of 0.112 per cent; the surface is virtually black. Herein lies the secret of Vulcan; to finally decide on the status of the Vulcan group, radio observations are needed so that visual reports can be augmented and calculations made of sufficient accuracy that the orbital velocity and elements can be finally clinched. There is little doubt, therefore, that Vulcan exists, we simply need to refine our methods a little to once and for all reinstate our sister planet to its proper title.

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FLYING BLOCKS OF ICE FROM OUTER SPACE

By Michael Hervey F.I.A.L. B.E.M. Author of "UFOs Over the Southern Hemisphere".



The term "peripheral ufology" coined by the editor of the UFO Register ---J.B. Delair--- covers the more bizarre and unexplained events related to outer space. As, for instance, the blocks of ice that have mysteriously descended out of a clear blue sky from time to time.

One of the earliest cases on record is that of Roy Kellett, an employee of the Long Island Water Company, New York, who heard a crash when he went to get his car after finishing work on night shift. The roof and sides of his vehicle had caved in. One half of a block of ice was on the wrecked roof, the other half lay nearby. Kellett could drive only by keeping his head out of the window.

Meteorological and aeronautical scientists in Britain are still puzzling over a strange phenomenon that occurred late in 1950 when a shower of big ice blocks crashed from the sky over various parts of Britain.

Many theories have been advanced and investigated, including one that the icy missiles were a bombardment from another planet. It was suggested that the missiles were launched from flying saucers, reports of which were particularly prevalent at the time. Whatever the theories and conjectures, there is no doubt about the fact.

During November and December, 1950, at least twelve cases were reported of these missiles, which ranged from a foot to a yard across, and weighed from a few pounds to several hundred.

One block of ice about a foot wide, landed at Loudwater, near High Wycombe, in Buckinghamshire. The same day another crashed down at Vigo Village, Gravesend, Kent. A few days later another chunk of ice fell from the sky in London, near Tooting Broadway, striking a Miss Douglas on the head as she was alighting from a tramcar. She happened to be wearing a thick scarf around her head which cushioned the impact, and she escaped serious injury.

A much larger piece crashed, to the accompaniment of a noise like an explosion, through the roof of a garage belonging to Messrs. Fisher and Stacey, at Wandsworth, London. It made a hole in the roof more than two feet long, and narrowly missed a number of employees who were at

work below. The ice, in this case, according to the report, had a brown hue.

On November 9th, blocks of ice weighing over 14lb, were found scattered over a wide area of Exmoor. One of them had killed a sheep. Three days later a lump more than 12-in. long landed on the grass verge of a roadway uncomfortably close to a Royal Automobile Club patrolman, Mr. D. Trunmore, at Braughing in Hertfordshire. He stopped a number of passing motorists to show them the frozen mass.

In quick succession reports came in from Chelmsford and Wandsworth of further similar bombardments from the sky. A huge chunk weighing more than 100-lb. also fell in Ardencaple Drive, Helensburgh, Dumbarton, Scotland, scattering jagged splinters of ice in all directions. Mr Daird Paterson, who resided in the neighbourhood, was struck by one of the splinters.

All these strange incidents were investigated by the police and by meteorological experts. They established that the weather conditions prevailing at the time were not conducive to the formation of abnormally large hailstones.

An Air Ministry explanation was that the ice must have fallen from aeroplanes. It was suggested that water draining from a wash-basin in an air-liner normally disappeared as spray, but in freezing conditions it was possible for it to form ice on the underside of the fuselage. If the plane then flew into a warmer layer of air, the ice might loosen and fall.

A weakness on that explanation was why hadn't blocks of ice descended from the skies in previous years, and also why should they only have dropped over the British Isles?

The matter was raised in the House of Commons toward the end of December by Sir John Mellor. Mr. Beswick, then Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Civil Aviation, admitted no proof had been found for the assumption that the water outlet of aeroplanes was the cause of ice falling from the sky.

The real explanation of this icy bombardment from above is still a mystery. True, many strange objects have fallen from the sky in various parts of the world through the ages --- frogs and fishes, for instance --- and even reptiles. It has even rained blood, and red snow, and also manna.

In Limerick and Tipperary there have been many showers of a soft, fatty substance that resembled butter, which was of a dark yellow colour, and always fell at night.



ABDUCTED BY UFO CREWMEN BRAZIL

The abduction of two motorists by tiny humanoids flying in "volkswagen" sized UFOs has caused alarm amongst the rural and city populace of Niteroi, a summer resort of 180,000 inhabitants near Rio de Janeiro.

One motorist, Paulo Caetano Silveira later received medical assistance from the police physician after giving a full statement of his abduction to the police authorities.



Paulo, a commercial traveller and type-writer mechanic told the police, that on the evening of Saturday, September 25, 1971 he was driving home from the mining town of Tombasto his home in Itaperuna. Just after passing the small town of Serraria he noticed that he was being followed by a small, low flying aircraft. He realised that his car would not respond to the steering wheel, panic-stricken he was forced to bring his vehicle to a halt by a blinding light which was emanating from the UFO.

Several small humanoids 40 or 50 centimetres tall emerged from the disc holding an object similar to a flashlight which gave off a very bright light. From that moment on said Paulo, he was unable to oppose the orders of the creatures.

Accompanied by the dwarfs he entered the disc, but was unable to see clearly due to temporary blindness from the powerful lights. An infernal noise, said Silveira indicated that the craft was taking off, and after that he remembers no more.

When he came to, he was laying on the road next to his car, Dr. Disney a medical practitioner who was driving along the same route found Paulo and took him to the police station at Itaperuna where he gave a statement of his encounter.

ABDUCTION

Another incident remarkably similar to that described on the previous page was reported by Snr. Benedicto Miranda, resident in the city of Cataguases, Minas Gerais State.

At dawn on Sunday morning September 26th, Snr. Miranda entered the police station to make a statement. He said that whilst driving along the route B040 near the Carangola river, he was followed, overtaken and forced to ride in a "volkswagen" sized disc shaped craft, piloted by very small humanoids about 40 to 50 centimetres in height. The incident took place at 2.00 a.m. Snr. Miranda told the police that his car would not respond to the steering wheel, and that a flashlight the humanoid was holding took away all of his will to oppose the orders of the dwarfs.

(credit: Prof. Richard A. Frondizi. I.C.M. Contact, Argentina.)



SCIENTISTS SEARCH FOR ADVANCED ALIEN CIVILIZATIONS

Soviet and American scientists have recently concluded a symposium to find ways and means of establishing contacts with extra-terrestrial civilizations.

The symposium held at the Byurakan astrophysical observatory in Armenia, U.S.S.R. was attended by many of the world's leading scientists.

One member, Academician Victor Ambartsumyan, President of the International Council of Scientific Unions, told a press conference that "Success in recent years in the fields of astronomy, communication technology and cybernetics have created feasible technical possibilities for the establishment of contacts with extra-terrestrial civilizations, should any exist."

A report given by one of the Russian Radio Physicists, Prof. Vsevold Troitsky, told of his three year study in search of powerful impulse radiations which may have been the result of astro- engineering of advanced life forms. Other reports presented included that of the American "Cyclop programme" for contacting ETCs.

UFO FLASHES WOMAN ASTRONOMER

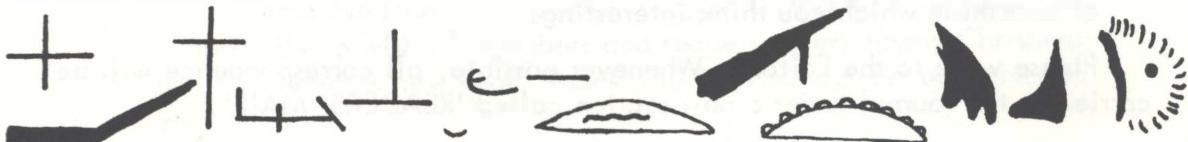
The following incident was described in a letter to Contact UK by the witness who was personally interviewed by Mr. Derek Mansell, Director of Data Research. The full name and address has been withheld by request.

On the morning of Sunday, August 22nd Mrs. W. an amateur astronomer residing in the County of Buckinghamshire was conducting a routine astronomical watch for amongst other things meteor falls. At about 3 a.m. she noticed a brightly glowing object come rapidly into view at a low altitude. As the object neared her it stopped and hovered without any movement other than a very heavy vibration of the surrounding air.

Mrs. W. described the object as part sphere and part disc with a well defined cupola on top. It was glowing a brilliant golden colour, becoming more fluorescent underneath. The size and brightness was comparable to a full moon.

By this time the witness had snatched up an ex-admiralty light and sound transmitter and began flashing the UFO some distance to the north east of her location. A few minutes passed without any response when from the UFO appeared a strong beam of light similar to a car headlight, narrow at the emission point, broadening nearer the ground, slightly diffused and scintillating.

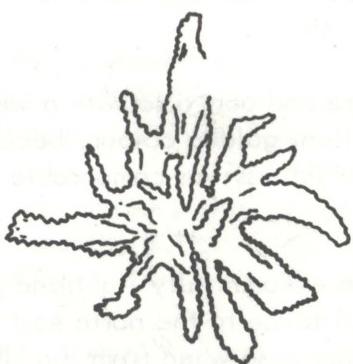
After a brief interval she was amazed to see a number of symbols appear



Emission 1 (above) and 2 (below) as sketched by Mrs. W.

within the beam, wavering slightly. The emission held for one or two minutes then disappeared to be replaced almost immediately by another set of symbols. These also disappeared, and after a short pause a final emission occurred which was different to the previous two inasmuch as one solitary symbol was apparent instead of several. This final symbol was described by Mrs. W. as "a sort of agitated sunburst which stayed longer than the others." Then that went out together with the beam,

The disc then moved off soundlessly at an incredible speed with a definite spinning motion. As it receded into the distance it assumed the shape of a cigar standing on end.



The Third Emission

During and shortly after this incident, the witness's compass became very agitated spinning wildly around with the hand tilting until it seemed as if it would come off its pivot. All the neighbouring dogs barked and brayed and birds in the trees and hedgerows began to chirp awoken by the brilliant light which the UFO gave off.

Mrs. W. made several attempts to contact an organization to report her encounter without success. She finally phoned the Ministry of Defence in Whitehall who took note of her account and arranged for a policewoman from the local constabulary to come and take a full statement, together with a sketch of the symbols.

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SEARCH (continued from page 6)

The attendance to the symposium by many distinguished scientists in various fields, indicates that the topic of ETCs has taken on a significant role in the minds of scientists today.

(Credit: Novosti Information Service of Moskow)

WORLD UFO FLAP

Reports reaching us indicate that the present current flap is not limited to the United Kingdom. There appears to be high levels of activity in the United States, Brazil, Australia, Yugoslavia and elsewhere.

We are unable to judge at this time the full extent or characteristics of this activity, but hope shortly to receive information indicating this, which will then be published in the next issue of Awareness.

AUSTRALIAN FLYING DISC PATENTED

The July issue of the New Scientist carried an item concerning an Australian Mr. Duan Phillips of New South Wales who has recently taken out a British Patent on an aircraft.

"The aircraft looks suspiciously like a flying saucer, and has a probability of success" reports the New Scientist. Mr. Phillips believes that a fluid directed radially over the surface of a disc rotating about its polar-axis will result in lift. The disc has an undercarriage below it and a non-rotating cabin on top which is stabilized by vanes. Linear movement is achieved by directing lateral jet nozzles.

(Credit: The New Scientist. July 1971.)



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U.K. REVIEW

by David R. Baxter

BIG BRITISH FLAP PERIOD



In the United Kingdom, there has been a substantial increase in the number of UFO reports received by Data Research. This increase first showed itself in the latter part of July and has continued throughout the months of August, September and October.

Half of these sightings emanated from the Midlands, mainly in the counties of Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Northamptonshire, with the centre of this activity apparently at Banbury in Oxfordshire where fourteen sightings have been recorded.

Another region where there has been a fairly high concentration of UFO sightings is South-East England which accounted for twenty-five per cent of the total number of sightings, Essex and Kent being particularly prominent.

Fifty per cent of the eighty reports so far received have been fully investigated by Data Research, B.U.F.O.R.A. and B.S.I.G. and are considered to be genuine UFOs, whilst the remainder are still undergoing detailed investigation.

It is evident from the number of sightings that the provisional total for the months of July to October 1971 is greater than during the same months of 1969 and 70. This was not altogether unexpected. In 1963 and again in 1967 there was a major increase in UFO activity with the months of August, September, and October being particularly active and it now appears likely that there is a four year cycle connected with observations of these phenomena. Also, it is felt that the large number of sightings reported during 1968, indicates that next year, 1972, may be another especially active year in terms of UFO reports.

In order that a full analysis can be made, members are requested to inform Data Research of any reports which they hear of and to continue sending newspaper clippings.



Because of the volume of UFO reports received, it has not been possible to print details of individual sightings. (Ed.)



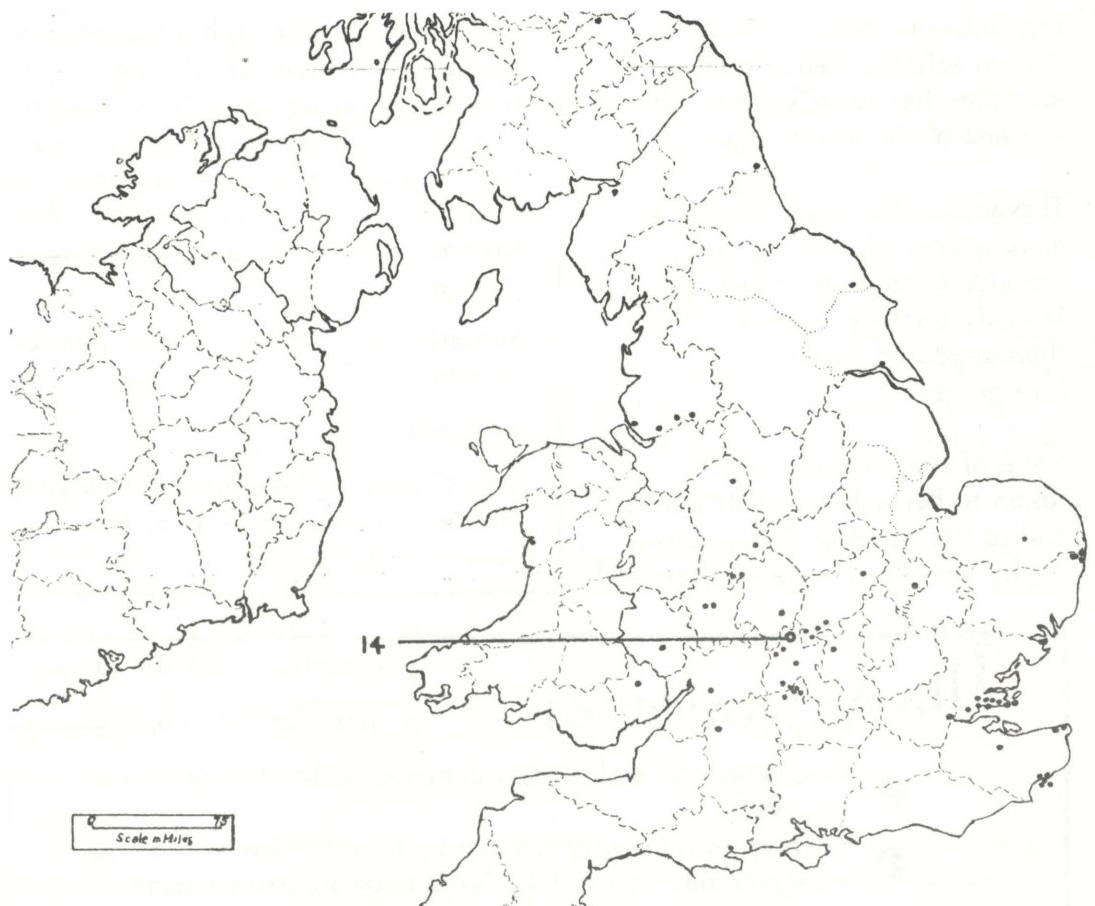
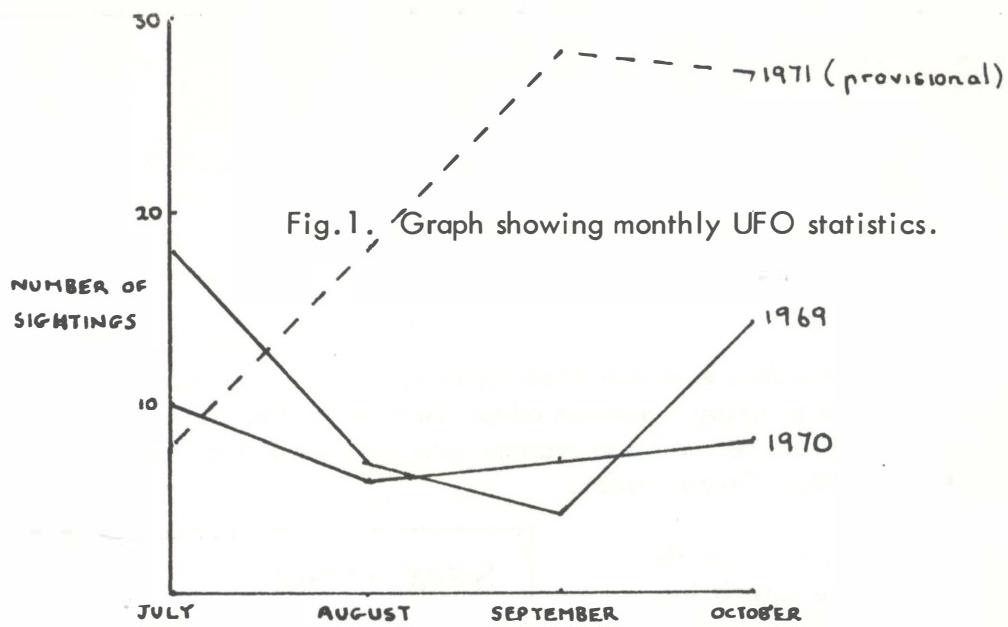


Fig.2. Showing distribution of UFO sightings in the U.K.

FLYING BLOCKS OF ICE (cont. from page 4)

It is recorded that one enthusiast in the United States made it his life's work to collect data from the four corners of the world concerning curious objects descending upon us, which he claimed were the residue of another planet. At the time of his death he had filled two large books with these reports.

The latest incident emanates from Shenandoah, USA, when a large chunk of dark blue ice emitting a gaseous odour (similar to that of formaldehyde) plummeted from the heavens and crashed into the roof of the Frank Kuzma residence at 430 West Centre Street.

John Prybolsky, who saw the object fall as he was sitting in front of St. Michael's Hall, said the chunk bounced off the roof into the street. Mrs. Kuzma said the heavy thud prompted her to think that "the end of the world come."

The object shattered into 20 or more pieces when it hit the ground, according to Cal Demmi, another witness. It then appeared to melt or disintegrate.

Some of the fragments were taken to Bereschak's Distributors and to the home of Alberta Lewczyk, where they were refrigerated.

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MYSTERIOUS WORLDS

Dennis Bardens. (W.H. Allen & Co. Ltd.
London 1970) £1.80

This is a superb pot-pourri of ghosts, dreams, witches, telepathy, premonitions, astral projections, reincarnations and flying saucers.

Mr. Bardens, describes a very interesting personal UFO sighting witnessed with an army major over Tripoli in 1961, and there is much hitherto unpublished Russian UFO sighting material.

His chapters on the race to win control of our minds by both the eastern and western power blocs are fascinating and frightening.

Brinsley Le Poer Trench

WE ARE NOT THE FIRST: RIDDLES OF ANCIENT SCIENCE Andrew Tomas

(Souvenir Press Ltd) £2.00

Ever since Desmond Leslie, in "Flying Saucers Have Landed", suggested that the art of flying, of making technically advanced apparatus, and of erecting extraordinarily large and complex buildings was known to certain civilizations so ufologists have from time to time speculated that the origin of the knowledge underlying those achievements may have been extraterrestrial. Ufologists interested in former possible connections between ufos and various ancient scientific achievements will, therefore, find much to intrigue them in Andrew Tomas's WE ARE NOT THE FIRST.

This is, however, very much more than a mere rehash of evidence and explanations offered by previous writers, for it contains much that will probably be new to most ufologists. Among the items it records is the legend of the African Dogon tribe which mentions the "brother star of Sirius", and the fact that the Babylonian astronomers knew of the moons of Jupiter and Saturn and that Venus appeared as a crescent at certain periods of its revolution round the Sun. The amazing accurate calendar of the ancient Mayas, and the fact that the early Hindus possessed a division of time - called the Kashta - as small as 1/300 millionth of a second. The use to which this almost meaningless small unit (measurable only on the most sensitive modern instruments) was put has never been established.

Written in a straightforward style, WE ARE NOT THE FIRST is one of those volumes which, once begun, is difficult to lay aside. Certainly it constitutes important reading for all serious ufologists or for anyone having an interest in ancient scientific mysteries.

J.B. DELAIR

The Murchison meteorite, believed to be 4,500 million years old and originating in the Asteroid belt, was significant inasmuch as the basic structure of life, Amino acids, were positively identified within that meteorite.

This has led to speculation, and indeed more serious research into age old fables and legends of the planet 'Maldek', which is said to be comparable to the Earth in size, nature and civilisation. We are indebted to Mr. W. Raymond Drake author of 'Spacemen in the Ancient East' for agreeing to write a special feature on 'Maldek' for this magazine.

"MALDEK", FACT OR FICTION?

PART ONE

by W. Raymond Drake

Proud Maldek graced the heavens in splendour gliding between Mars and Jupiter, its depraved beauty even dazzled distant Earth. For many millennia the people of this fair green planet, slightly smaller than ours, had basked in peace and plenty under serene sub-tropical skies, their weather controlled by a psycho-science utilising the electrical energy of the atmosphere for heat, light and power to motivate the world's automated industries. Cosmic philosophy planned a just social system, banished poverty, outlawed war, bringing freedom for all but not elusive happiness. Perfection brought decay; people became bored and sought perverted pleasures; some colonised malona, the solitary Moon, and ventured into near space, others lived and loved like butterflies; a few began to dabble in the occult seeking new sensations. The scientists probing Nature's last secrets had lost their humility and with growing arrogance were seeking powers beyond their spiritual wisdom until some became Black magicians plotting to conquer neighbouring planets then the whole Solar system.

Today, our own hydrogen-bomb actually explodes only the rare isotopes deuterium and tritium with the dangerous chain-reaction which would arise if the common element hydrogen itself were exploded. In arrogance and ignorance the scientists of Maldek annihilated the element hydrogen destroying their world in a flaming explosion hurling millions of tons of rock far into Space. Maldek's destruction could have happened in historical times not very remote.

"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, Son of the Morning; How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations (Isaiah XIV-12)

Lucifer, the light bearer, the Morning Star, may not refer to Satan or Venus, known as Hesperus in the evening and Phosphorous in the morning, but to Maldek, that bright Star before the Throne of God cast down into outer darkness. Maldek meant 'silver tongued' to which cryptic references are made in the Bible suggesting a world of evil destroyed for some nameless sin. Maldek-Malona was equated with Lucifer-Lilith, a cosmic mystery we cannot solve. Moslem traditions regard Lilith as the wife of Lucifer, although the Talmud states she was Adam's first wife, a demoness from Venus with three wonderful children. Solomon, who surely should have known, accused the Queen of Sheba of being Lilith because she had hairy legs. But that did not prevent him from fathering her son, Menelik, the first Emperor of Abyssinia.

Tremendous disasters ravaging Egypt in the 13th century BC, the time of the alleged Exodus, are attributed by scientists to some cosmic cataclysm, many of us accepting the Bible account literally prefer to think the 'Lord' directing the deliverance of the Israelites was a Spaceman. The Papyrus Ipuwer written by an Egyptian Priest describes bitter desolation 'The river is blood. Plague is throughout the land. Blood is everywhere'. Confirmed by Exodus VII-20 "And all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood." The clouds of red dust staining the waters, resultant plagues, darkness and death of the first-born may have resulted from immense palls of debris whirled down from the shattered Maldek; in the chaos the Israelites escaped. For centuries the fragments drifted through Space as meteor-showers which scrouged the Earth every fifty-two years, a period propitiated by the ancient Mayas with bloody sacrifice. About fifty-two years after the Exodus the return of the meteor streams seemed to make the Sun stand still in the heavens enabling Joshua to slay the Amorites in the Wilderness. Again in the 8th century BC huge fragments from space again lashed Earth causing in many countries the immense destruction lamented by Isaiah.

Part II to be continued in March 1972 issue.

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